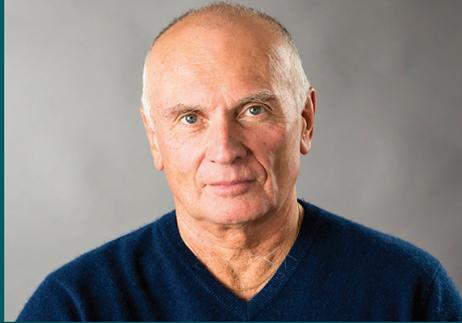
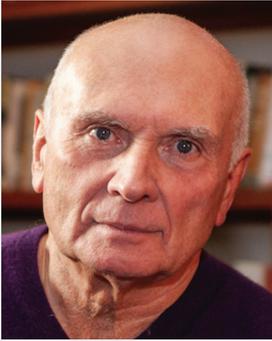


Inviting the Energy of the Fool Archetype

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- Experiences laughing at himself as a non-mocking invitation to his humanity.
- Does not hesitate to bring irreverence to what is allegedly hallowed ground.
- Easily accesses and lives from dreaming and longing.
- Avoids taking life and oneself too seriously.
- Possesses an increased tolerance for being misunderstood.
- Prioritizes loving life and understanding it secondary.
- Gives himself permission to be lived by life.
- Moves toward life in wonder and is touched and moved as life lives him.
- Fool energy, like music, art, dance, and narrative becomes an arational medium for being informed.
- Promotes joy and fun.
- Is not burdened by excessive rational inquiries.
- Easily let's go of an attachment to being impressive.



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